

**REMARKS**

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Species 1 (an optical fiber with air holes surrounding a core) on which at least claims 29-34, 35-38, and 46-50 appear readable, without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file Divisional Applications for the non-elected species later.

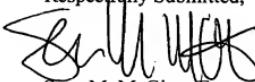
Further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,



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